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"ANATOLIJ", "ABRAH" AND "FRIEND": REPORT ON THE SITUATION
IN BERLIN, PROBABLY FROM "FRIEND"

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To VIKTOR[1].

On 26th November "FRIEND[DRUG]"[11] sent a secret writing letter to the
Legation

[14 group unrecovered]

following [2 groups unrecovered] impressions: the latest raids on BERLIN
[1 group unrecovered] tremendous impression [3 groups unrecovered] commercial
[1 group unrecovered] and military circles.

The defence proved ineffectual for the following reasons: shortage of
fighter aircraft, lack of administrative staff, the complete disorganisation of
the air defence, shortage of anti-aircraft [4 groups unrecoverable] signs
and people who understand them, the complete disorganisation of railway
[1 group unrecovered], the destruction of enormous stocks of foodstuffs and
equipment, [3 groups unrecovered] frightened inexperienced boys and girls.

The Berliners are all wandering about the streets, [5 groups unrecovered]
they do not believe anyone, least of all HITLER, GÖRING and GOEBBELS.
Portraits of HITLER were deliberately thrown out of windows into the streets

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and lay about not just in hundreds but in thousands. The police and the GESTAPO are so apathetic and so exhausted that they pay no attention [3 groups unrecovered] HITLER and his [5 groups unrecovered] opposition in the GESTAPO itself. [6 groups unrecovered] LONDON with gas by means of raids using gas. On the night of 24th November [7 groups unrecovered] the use of gas. The raid on BERLIN had a [8% greater] influence on the rest of GERMANY than the previous raids on all the other towns. If several more raids of this kind are undertaken, it may have a terrible influence on the course of the war."

If he is known to ANATOLIJ[iii], then for ABRAM[iv] to meet "FRIEND"

[13 groups unrecovered]

could be useful to us for [4 groups unrecovered]

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VALERIAN[v]

Comments: [i] VIKTOR : Lt. Gen. P. M. FITIN.
 [ii] FRIEND : Unidentified cover-name. See also No. 2978 of 12th November 1943 (3/NBF/T1644) and No. 3004 of 14th November 1943 (3/NBF/T1665).
 [iii] ANATOLIJ : Alexej PANIN, engineer at the Soviet Trade Delegation in STOCKHOLM.
 [iv] ABRAM : Igor SPICHKIN, Press attaché at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.
 [v] VALERIAN : Vasilij Fedorovich RAZIN, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Legation in STOCKHOLM.